

BEECHWOOD STREET SCHOOL

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Beechwood Street, Lonaconing

1889

The Beechwood Street School is a small single story, frame building that is covered with weatherboard. The roof is hipped and covered with replaced asphalt shingles. The building is a good example of the type of one room schools constructed in the last decades of the 19th century in Allegany County.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Beechwood Street School

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Beechwood Street

CITY, TOWN

LonaconingX VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER Vacant**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Harold B. StaffordTelephone #: 463-2084

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Beechwood Road

CITY, TOWN

LonaconingX VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21539**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Allegany County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Beechwood Street School is located on Beechwood Street, Lonaconing, Allegany County.

The Beechwood Street School is a small, single story, three bay wide, frame building that has been covered with weatherboard. The foundation is gone and the building is resting upon pilings of cement blocks and wood. The roof is hipped and covered with replaced asphalt shingles. A small, enclosed porch with a hipped roof and a central cross gable abuts the main block on the southwest side. Windows in the school are pegged, double hung, wooden sash frames with six over six lights. All windows have cornices and architrave trim. The main entrance is located on the southwest facade and features a vertically paneled door with original hardware, architrave trim and a cornice.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE***AL-11-B-101*

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      ca. 1889

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The land on which the Beechwood Street School is situated was sold by the George's Creek Iron and Coal Company to the Allegany County Commissioners in 1889.<sup>1</sup> The school building was probably constructed shortly thereafter.

Although Allegany County gave generously in support of public education, it was not until the last quarter of the 19th century that every community had at least one public school. County appropriations for education for the year 1881 amounted to \$35,000.00<sup>2</sup>

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1 Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

2 Harry Stegmaier, Jr., Allegany County - A History (Parsons, West Virginia: McClain Printing Company, 1976) p. 263

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale.

DATE

3/7/77

TELEPHONE

777-8991

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

DATE: February 9, 1977

160' x 53'

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Beechwood Street SchoolLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Beechwood StreetDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SouthwestNAME OF OWNER: Harold B. Stafford 463-2084ADDRESS: Beechwood RoadLonaconing, Maryland 21539

STORIES: 1( ) 2(X) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3(X) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (X) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE NONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6(X) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( ) Cornice  
pegged (XX) nailed( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: WestHARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, BORMERS # \_\_\_\_\_MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip(X) gable( ) Enclosed

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ BRICK( ) STONE( ) CORBELLED( ) original( ) replaced( )

LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior ( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

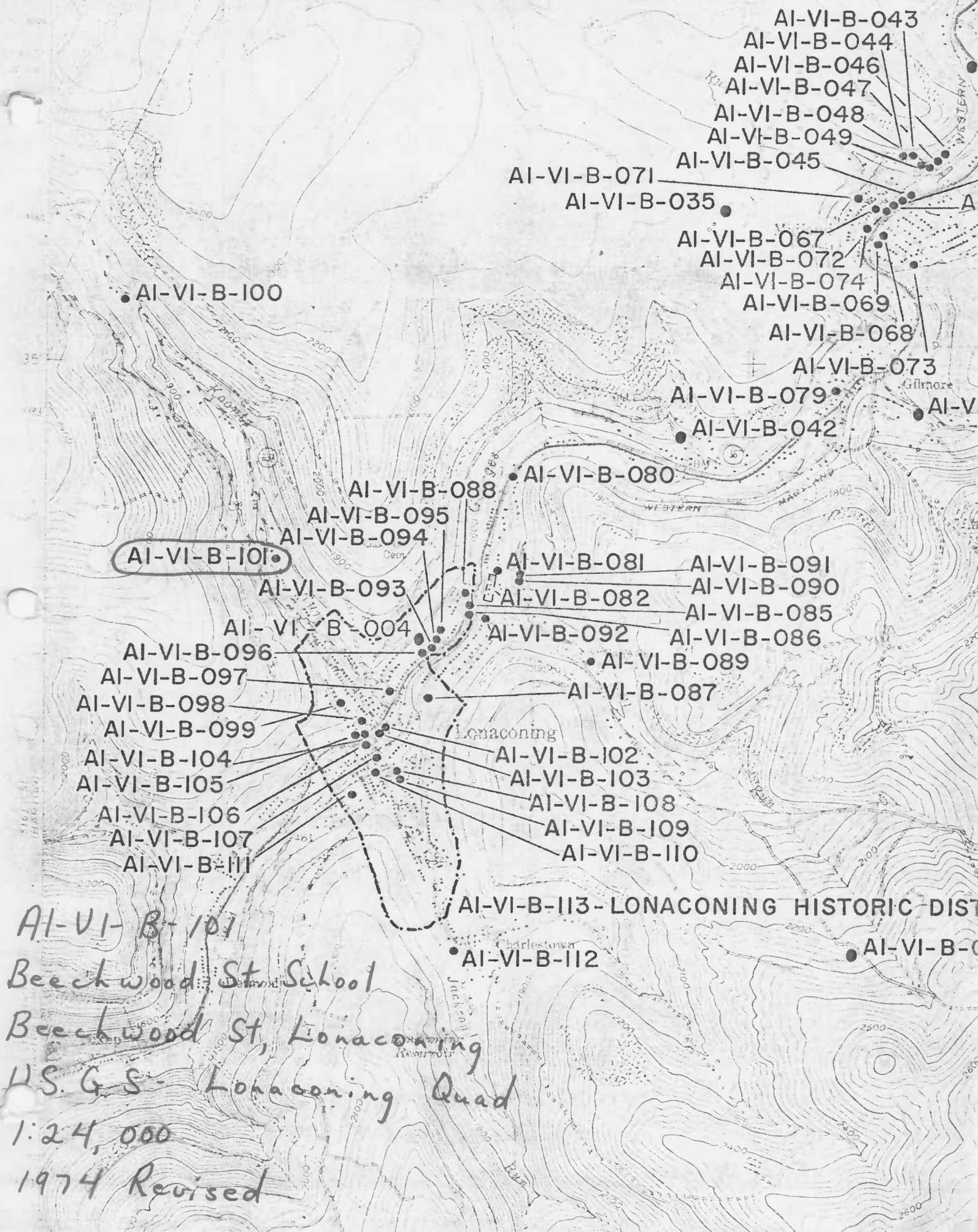
Use - Vacant

Significance - Architecture/Education

Date Constructed - 1889

Condition - Poor

Original Deed - Liber 67, Folio 42, George's Creek Coal & Iron Company  
to Allegany County Commissioners



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Beechwood St, Lonaconing  
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Beechwood St School

Beechwood St., Lonaconing

2/9/77

John E. Nelson

East